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**FIELD OF THE INVENTION**

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**SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

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**DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION**

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**HAIR CARE AGENTS CONTAINING PRE GELATINIZED, CROSS-LINKED  
STARCH DERIVATIVES**

**ABSTRACT**

The present invention is a polymer-containing cosmetic hair care agent comprising one or more pregelatinized, crosslinked starch derivatives. Preferably, the hair care agent further comprises one or more polymers. In one embodiment, the polymer includes cationic polymers. In another embodiment, the polymer includes nonionic, amphoteric, or anionic polymers.